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## Year of excellence highlights 355th MXG's hard work

A flash of lightning is seen in the Sonoran Desert, yet the sound of thunder is heard thousands of miles away ... this phenomenon is courtesy of the 355th Maintenance Group.

Deployed on their fourth consecutive operation, covering three areas of responsibility, the Airmen of the 355th Maintenance Group have been fundamental in projecting Davis-Monthan's diverse array of combat power to areas all over the globe.

Air Combat Command has selected the 355th Maintenance Group as one of three finalists for the 2005 Clements McMullen Memorial Daedalian Weapon System Maintenance Trophy.

"This is the most prestigious award for any maintenance group," said Col. Dewey Holmes, 355th Maintenance Group commander. "Being selected as one of the top three maintenance organizations in ACC is a great distinction and a credit to the hard work of every maintainer."

Attention to detail has guided maintainers through their support of A-10, EC-130, HC-130 and HH-60s that operate from the Davis-Monthan runway and deploy around the world.

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## Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Number One visits D-M ...

*Master Sergeant of the Air Force Number One Chief Master Sergeant Paul W. Airey Chief, speaks to Airmen during the Airman Leadership School graduation Nov. 3. In addition to Chief Airey, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Number Eight Sam E. Parish, spoke to the graduates. For more information on their visit, see Chief master sergeants of the Air Force share opinions, Page 10.*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shippy

## ACC commander outlines command's focus on being best

By 1st Lt. Jason McKernan

Air Combat Command Public Affairs

**LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va.** - Air Combat Command commander Gen. Ronald E. Keys recently emphasized his commitment to ensuring Airmen are the best led, best equipped and best trained ... so ACC can win today's wars and be ready for tomorrow's.

"We're involved in seven different wars right now — Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operation Enduring Free-

dom; Operation Noble Eagle; relief for hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma; and earthquake relief in Pakistan," General Keys said. "That puts a tremendous stress on our people and our organization to make sure we do that quickly, effectively and safely. Our people make us the greatest Air Force in the world, and we need to make sure they are properly trained, motivated, safe and healthy to continue supporting contingency requirements around the world."

His five focus areas — people,

expeditionary operations, recapitalization, organization and transformation — are tailored toward ensuring ACC is prepared to successfully accomplish the missions it's called to perform.

"The first area is our people — Airmen of courage, commitment, discipline and honor," General Keys said. "Our people are the motivating force of all the equipment and infrastructure we have."

He said ACC Airmen must understand what they "signed up for"

is to go and fight and win America's wars, whenever and wherever called to do so.

A "Leader-Wingman" culture that ensures we do it as a team of professionals that are trained and look out for each other is critical for successful and safe operations.

"The mission is important; the mission has inherent risk, but we need to know what they are. We need to balance risk with the mis-

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### Free food at Golden Corral Monday

Golden Corral's "5th Annual 2005 Military Appreciation Monday" is scheduled Monday from 5 to 9 p.m.

There are three Tucson Golden Corral restaurant locations that are offering free dinners:

- ◆ 715 E. Wetmore
- ◆ 4380 E. 22nd
- ◆ 6385 S. Midvale Park

The nation's military, past and present, are included in this special recognition offer.

### Ready to deploy ...

**Davis-Monthan:**  
1,000

**355th Wing:**  
680

(Approximate numbers as of Tuesday.)





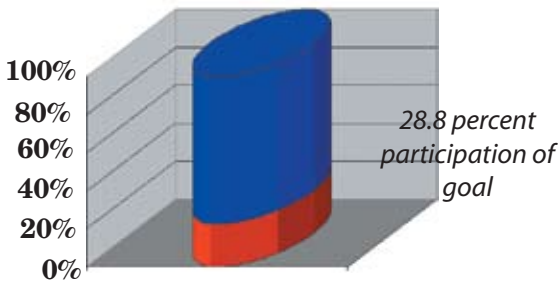
Courtesy photo

Sponsor of the Quarter

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander (left), presents Staff Sgt. Martin Raygada, 355th Mission Support Squadron, with the Desert Lightning Sponsor of the Quarter July through September 2005 Award. Sergeant Raygada received the award for going above and beyond to ensure a comfortable arrival for a Davis-Monthan newcomer. When Hurricane Katrina forced an evacuation of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., Sergeant Raygada stepped in to mentor the no-notice inbound Airman. He provided the Airman with trips to the store to get essential items, introductions to future coworkers and lunches at the dining facility.

Contribution update

The goal for the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign is for 2,972 people to participate. As of Tuesday, 855 participant's forms have been turned in.



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sion, and we certainly don't want to take reckless risks," General Keys said. "Good Wingmen will never let their leaders do something dumb, and a leader never takes his Wingman into a situation he can't survive. We've got to have the courage in many cases to say, 'This is not right' or 'Let's look at how we can do this better' or 'Let's stop and start this over.'"

Growing an expeditionary mindset and culture is very important to help Airmen understand their roles in the Air Force, General Keys continued.

"We want to fight and win the 'away game' ... we don't want to have to fight the 'home game,'" he said. "That means we are going to pick-up, pack-up, get to where we are going, unpack, plug-in and operate. We need to focus on how we are going to do that in an expeditionary sense."

The expeditionary culture must permeate all aspects of ACC operations, General Keys emphasized.

"Any time we are buying a piece of equipment, or setting up a training program or writing a rule, we need to ask ourselves, 'Will this work on the road?'" General Keys said. "Being expeditionary extends beyond the traditional things like training and equipment - it's more about

how we approach everything, our processes, our rules, our training ... everything."

The areas of people and expeditionary operations lead to the commander's focus on recapitalization.

"Recapitalization ensures I can execute tomorrow's mission and the one 30 years from tomorrow," General Keys said. "Our aircraft are old and getting older, and they're requiring more maintenance hours. They're breaking in unheard-of ways that we are not prepared for, and we also have infrastructure that is becoming increasingly more expensive to maintain.

"We have to look at (the budget) differently and understand what we can stop doing — what we can just walk away from and create the fiscal headroom so we can recapitalize,"

General Keys also highlighted how important it is for the command's organizations to be built around the expeditionary mindset.

"We need to ask ourselves, 'Are we organized as we should be for expeditionary and homeland security operations?'" General Keys said. "If we started with a clean sheet of paper, would we have (organizations) like we have them today?"

One of those organizational efforts includes the command headquarters itself, which is reorganizing into a standardized Air Force A-staff structure.

The organization focus also stress-

es the alignment with Guard, Reserve and active duty forces. "For Future Total Force, there is going to be a much closer alignment between associations of these different units," General Keys said.

General Keys described his fifth focus area of transformation as "a different way of looking at what you have to do" and looking at a problem from a different perspective.

"In some cases, transformation is as simple as saying, 'No, I'm not doing that anymore — I'm transforming to a different kind of force,'" General Keys said. "Transformation is the thread that runs through all the focus areas, and is an ongoing search for efficiency and effectiveness in different ways of attacking problems."

"If you look back to Afghanistan, we put a young man on a horse in a wooden saddle with a laptop and a laser range finder. He was sending targets up to a B-52 that was dropping GPS-guided bombs," General Keys said. "No one would have thought of putting those systems together unless they had a transformational mindset. We have to think about how we get from where we are to where we want to be.

"When someone comes to me and needs to buy widget X, I ask, 'Does it do it cheaper, faster and better?' For example, if a time-sensitive targeting cycle takes seven minutes and a \$50 million widget can make the cycle

43 seconds faster, we need to ask if the 43-second difference is necessary — if not, then we need to walk away from it."

Other transformational examples are existing chat room and user-friendly Web-based technologies that can be adapted to the needs of the warfighter. "We need to use existing technology like that and harness it for our needs," General Keys said.

Above all else, General Keys reiterated, it's the people that make America's Air Force the best in the world.

"Our talented people are the ones industry wants — for their ethos, as well as their skills," General Keys said. "Our people understand integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.

"As we continue facing budget challenges, Base Realignment and Closure issues, and the Quadrennial Defense Review, I'm committed to making sure our Airmen have the best leadership, the best equipment, the best capability and the best training when they're called to go into harm's way."

*(Editor's Note: This overview is the first of a series of articles on the focus areas Gen. Ronald E. Keys has articulated for Air Combat Command. In the coming weeks, each of the five focus areas will be the subject of an independent article enabling readers to learn more about the command's new strategic vision.)*

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# D-M celebrates military families

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

With Airmen deploying throughout the year, Airmen and their mothers, fathers, wives, husbands and children make sacrifices to allow them to serve.

In an effort to thank servicemembers and their families, the month of November has been designated as the National Military Families Month.

During the month, various events are scheduled throughout the base.

One of the supporting agencies is the Family Support Center.

In support of the National Military Families Month, the FSC will hold three events for the Davis-Monthan community.

The FSC will be in the Army Air Force Exchange Services mall where everyone can learn about FSC programs and enter to win giveaways Nov. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“We will have FSC staff members available to answer any questions relating to the many FSC programs and services,” said Heidi Meisterling, 355th MSS FSC community readiness consultant.

The FSC will sponsor a Free Family Night at the Movies at the Base Theatre. Movie tickets and snack bar vouchers will be given out at the Family Support Center a week prior to the movie showing Nov. 22 at 6 p.m.

Then, all Air Force employees and families are invited to the FSC parking lot, which will be converted to a Free Donut and Juice Drive-Thru Nov. 23 beginning at 6:30 a.m. There will also be a Free Donut and Juice Walk-Thru pick up point located on the dorm campus, behind Airman Leadership School.

“The Family Support Center promotes and supports the needs of the military family on a daily basis,” said Master Sgt. Michael Starkey, 355th Mission Support Squadron FSC superintendent. “The military family is special and needs to be saluted every day of the year.”

In addition to the FSC events, the Youth Center will host a class on how to make holiday door wreaths from 3 to 5 p.m. in conjunction with the community center Nov. 20. This is a chance for the families to come out and do something together with their family and friends, have a good time and have something to take home.

The Youth Center will have Family Bingo with hot cocoa and cookies Nov. 22. There is no cost involved with this activity and prizes will be given out for bingo.

Those who have children who attend the Child Development Centers will have a chance to eat lunch with them Nov. 17.

The Dorothy Finley Child Development Center will begin the lunch at 11 a.m. and the D-M Child Development Center will have the Harvest Festival Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m.

“I think it is important to have this time set aside for the military families because we all need to let them know how important they are and what they do is greatly appreciated,” said Anndrell Wilkinson, 355th Services Squadron youth recreational specialist. “This is a good time for military families to spend quality time with each other and have fun doing it.”

“Whether you are single or married, you are part of our military family,” Sergeant Starkey said. “Please come and participate as the Family Support Center salutes you.”

**For more information contact ...**

- ◆ Family Support Center: 228-5690
- ◆ Community center: 228-3500
- ◆ Dorothy Finley Child Development Center: 228-6463
- ◆ D-M CDC: 228-3336
- ◆ Youth Center: 228-8844

## Congratulations chief master sergeant selects ....

Congratulations to the following senior master sergeants who have been selected for promotion to chief master sergeant:

**12th Air Force:**  
Lawrence Stuhr

**25th Operational Weather Squadron:**  
Richard Spears

**43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:**  
Ronald Mansfield

**355th Mission Support Squadron:**  
Louis Fischer  
Scott Wilson

**612th Air Base Squadron:**  
Louis Alimonda

**612th Air Communications Squadron:**  
Keith Brown

**612th Air Support Squadron:**  
Vernon Boardley

**612th Theater Operations Group:**  
Michael Anderson

**612th Combat Operations Squadron:**  
Carlos Trujillo

**755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:**  
David Metz

## News Notes

### Professional development series

Company Grade Officers and NCOs have the opportunity to hear Zeidan Atashi speak Nov. 18 at 11:30 a.m at the Mountain View Conference Center. Mr. Atashi is an author, scholar, politician and diplomat and has a great deal of experience and insight on the politics in the Middle East. Attendees may go through the buffet line starting at 11 a.m.

### Entry onto base

Security Forces reminds personnel of the following base entry requirements: DD Form 2220 (Base Entry Decal) must be permanently affixed to the vehicle. Vehicles with a DD form 2220 placed on a magnetic strip will be denied entry.

### Shoppette traffic flow change

To make traffic flow on base both safe and practical, the Army Air Force Exchange Services Shoppette located on the corner of Craycroft Road and Granite Street will change to one-way traffic effective Monday. Cars must enter from El Dorado Street and exit onto Granite Street. Directional signs and arrows painted on the ground will direct drivers in and out of the area.

This change is part of a traffic study the Civil Engineer Squadron is conducting to improve traffic flow in and around the Base Exchange/Commissary complex.

### MPF closed Monday

The DEERS/RAPIDS ID Card Issuing Facility in the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service will be unavailable Monday due to a system server upgrade. The system should be available Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact the MPF Customer Service section.

### Legal office closed Nov. 17

The Base Legal Office will be closed Nov. 17 for an official Staff Assistance Visit from Air Combat Command headquarters Judge Advocacy. Attorney Legal Assistance and walk-ins will be cancelled on Wednesday. Attorney Legal Assistance will also be cancelled on Nov. 18.

Powers of Attorney will still be available on both days.

### Craycroft Road resurfacing

Many of Davis-Monthan's roads and parking lots over the next five months will be resurfaced or repaved to extend their service life. The first of these projects will repave Craycroft Road (Ironwood to Yuma Streets) Nov. 15 through 20. Access to the Blanchard Golf Course and Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will be by way of Nuggat Street or the parking behind the Enlisted-Club off of 10th and Libre Streets. For more information, contact Tim Reed at 228-5652.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Airman 1st Class Logan English, AADD scheduler, at 228-6674.

Call AADD at  
**850-2233**  
Friday and Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. For more information regarding AADD, see the Web site <https://aadd> on the D-M intranet.

# Space, missile career field seeks officers

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas**  
— Air Force company grade officers in the 1997 to 2000 commissioned year groups looking to expand their horizons may want to consider applying for retraining into the space and missile career field by the Dec. 15 application deadline.

Officers in the eligible year groups must have at least one year time-on-station as of March 15 and be released from their current career field. Applicants must also pass a Class III flying physical for space and missile operations duty.

The 13S career field is seeking to add 20-25 officers this year when the selection process begins Dec. 16. However, applicants must be willing to fill a range of positions within the career field.

“Cross flow opportunities include only a limited number of spacelift/range operations and satellite command and control positions, space surveillance and missile warning duty positions” said Maj. Kendal Stevenson, chief of space and missile training assignments at the Air Force Personnel Center here. “But, only applications from officers who list inter-continental ballistic missile operations duty as well will be considered.”

*(Information courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center.)*

## How to apply for space, missile AFSC...

Information on the application process and the space and missile career field can be found at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/nr-ops/13S/SPAM%20Home.htm>.

Completed packages, to include applications and endorsements, can either be faxed to DSN 665-2295 or commercial to (210) 565-2295.

Packages can also be mailed to:

HQ AFPC/DPAOO1  
550 C St. West, Suite 31  
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4707

For more information, interested officers can call DSN 665-2646 or commercial (210) 565-2646; or visit the Web site listed above.

## Congratulations ACC Commander in Chief Special Recognition Installation Excellence Award winners ...

Congratulations to the following, squadrons, units and individuals who received recognition from the Commander in Chief Special Recognition Awards for Installation Excellence.

“Major commands may nominate an unlimited number of units, individuals, projectors, and programs for CinC’s Special Recognition Awards for Installation Excellence,” said. Lt. Col. Cassie Barlow, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander.

Congratulations to the following units and individuals who will compete for the Air Force level awards:

**355th Civil Engineer Squadron;**  
**355th Dental Squadron;**

**355th Mission Support Squadron;**  
**355th Services Squadron Medical Group Family Medicine Team:**  
355th Medical Operations Squadron;  
**MDG Physical Therapy Team:**  
355th MDOS;  
**MDG Clinical Laboratory:**  
355th Medical Support Squadron;  
**355th CES Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight;**  
**355th MDG Resource Management Flight:**  
355th MDSS;  
**Maj. Belinda Doherty,**  
355th MDOS;  
**Maj. Robert Harris,** 355th MDOS and  
**Chris Kruschke,**  
355th CES.

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“The Desert Lightning maintenance team supports Air Combat Command’s largest flying hour program and we do it with nothing but professionalism, pride, and dedication to the mission,” Colonel Holmes said.

In addition to the monumental task of daily component maintenance, equipment maintenance, and sortie production for ACC assets, the group also provides combat capability to Air Force Special Operations and Air Force Reserve Command units.

Every member of the group is part of the overall accomplishments in the past 12 months. The breakout box to the right is a brief overview of the group’s statistics.

“We’ve flown more sorties, dropped more bombs, and fired more bullets than any other ACC unit. This enabled the A-10 pilot training timeline to get back on track,” said Maj. Lyle Drew, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron maintenance operations officer.

With six exercises in eight months such as local Operational Readiness Exercises and national exercises such as Air Warriors I, II and Red Flags, the maintainer’s skills have been honed to a razor sharp edge. This expertise was witnessed in September when 230 D-M maintainers deployed to the AOR. Ready to deploy when called is not only a wing pillar, but a way of life for the people of the 355th MXG with continuous deployments for the past 18 months.

“We have focused on ‘back to the basics’ maintenance

## Time flies when ...

Quick facts of the 355th Maintenance Group between Oct. 2004 and Sept. 2005

- ◆ 30,563 sorties
- ◆ 59,186 flying hours
- ◆ 750 tons of cargo
- ◆ 1,496 personnel
- ◆ \$18 million operating budget

nance principles such as stripes on the line, strict technical order compliance, and we never pass up an opportunity to train. Because of these practices we are reaching new heights...these maintainers are the best I have seen in my 29 years,” said Chief Master Sgt. Robert Anderson, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron superintendent.

This isn’t the first time senior leaders are looking at the group. The group set an example of excellence and was selected for the focus of a case study on how excellence has been maintained.

“We’ve been selected by ACC as a textbook example of how a maintenance organization should be run,” Major Drew said.

The group performs well above what is expected from a wing-level maintenance organization and considers all possibilities. Completing major repairs on aircraft is usually a job almost reserved for the assigned depots. Because of their outstanding abilities, depot engineers have granted the 355 MXG authority to complete work not trusted to other A-10 units.

Continuous Process Improvement has been implemented throughout the group, so that the time spent to get work done is minimized with a

maximum positive effect to the mission. Starting in the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight, the concept quickly became standard practice for the entire group, and was used as an example at other bases.

The 355th MXG is home to many individuals who have been recognized for exceptional work at the Air Force and ACC levels. But the flightline and repair shops aren’t the only place that our maintainers excel, as witnessed by the myriad of community awards and plaques on walls throughout the group.

“I am proud of the being able to make contributions to Davis-Monthan and the local community ... Being part of the team winning the Arizona Governor’s Volunteer Service Award was a real honor,” said Master Sgt. Craig Prince 355th Component Maintenance Squadron Production supervisor.

Maintenance Airmen have contributed countless hours to the community through volunteering. As the largest provider to D-M’s honor guard, maintenance Airmen gave 3,500 hours to 698 details honoring dignitaries, veterans, local government and children across the state.

As Wingmen, volunteers have saved 65 Airmen’s lives outside the duty hours through the Airman Against Drunk Driving program. The efforts of D-M and the 355th MXG have been recognized by both the Governor of Arizona, and City of Tucson with some of their highest honors.

The group has chosen the theme, “When Desert Lightning strikes, thunder is heard around the world,” to encompass the work that the men and women of the Desert Lightning team accomplish every day around the globe.

*(Information courtesy of the 355th Maintenance Group.)*



# D-M Airmen graduate from Airman Leadership School Nov. 3

The Davis-Monthan Airman Leadership School graduated students from the 05-H class Nov. 3. Airmen must attend and pass this course as career progression from the junior enlisted ranks to the NCO corps.

The mission of ALS is to prepare senior airmen to be professional, warfighting Airmen who can supervise and lead Air Force teams in the employment of air and space power.

Congratulations to the following senior airmen (unless otherwise noted) of class 05-H who recently completed the requirements of ALS:

**25th Operational Weather Squadron:** Timothy Lindstrom; **43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:** Myranda Hinguanzo and Jason Kneier; **48th Rescue Squadron:** Christopher Albrandt, Jarvis Bowman and Jose Cervantes; **355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron:** Keumsuk Rea; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Georgina Bulmer, Jennell Christofaro, Christopher Fisher, Hernan Garcia, Joseph Jackson, James Menden, Roger Osorio, Joshua Parker, Nathan Sheehy and Krysten Walters; **355th Civil Engineer Squadron:** Daniel Corbett,

Courtney Crawford, David Martinez, Thomas Morga, Staff Sgt. Ron Oudean, David Vann and Staff Sgt. Richard Warman; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Timothy Turner; **355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:** Jason Allgire, Curtis Brooks, Virgie Campbell, Ramiro Garza, Ryan Kruger and Chad Webb; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Kimberly Markmiller, Kane Palomo, Farbod Safavi and Christopher Wilt; **355th Maintenance Group:** Carlos Rodriguez; **355th Medical Operations Squadron:** Stephani Brabant and Charity Parks; **355th Medical Support Squadron:** Brian Marshall; **355th Operations Support Squadron:** Jan Turner; **355th Security Forces Squadron:** Thomas Gleason, Staff Sgt. Sarah Richard; **612th Air Communications Squadron:** Armando Arismendez, Sammie Bolus, Pietro Giacalone, Nathan Lease, Ricardo Ortega and Mark Runyon; **612th Air Intelligence Squadron:** Michael Cantu and Charles Gerak; **612th Combat Operations Squadron:** John Keating; **755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Sean Diccico, Christopher Keil and Richard Smith.

## Going above, beyond

In addition to the completing the basic requirements of the Airman Leadership School program, several Airmen stood out from their class:

### John L. Levitow Award

This award is presented to the most outstanding student. The winner of this award is the most distinguished graduate.

**Senior Airman Charles Gerak,**  
612th Air Intelligence Squadron

### Distinguished Graduate Award

This award is presented to students in the top 10 percent of the class.

**Senior Airman Jose Cervantes,**  
48th Rescue Squadron  
**Senior Airman**

**Keumsuk Rea,**  
355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron  
**Senior Airman Michael Cantu,**  
612th AIS  
**Senior Airman Nathan Sheehy,**  
355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

### Leadership Award

This award is presented to the student who has made the most significant contribution to the overall success of the class.

**Airman Cervantes,**  
48th RQS

### Academic Award

This award denotes excellence as a scholar.

**Airman Cantu,**  
612th AIS

# EOD technicians dispose of three 5,000-pound rockets

**Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald**  
455th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** – Airmen and Soldiers joined forces here Oct. 15 to transport and destroy three 5,000-pound rockets.

Lessons learned from this joint operation will help validate explosive ordnance disposal procedures and improve information available to EOD technicians throughout the Department of Defense.

“After more than two months of planning, we teamed up with the Army EOD, vehicle maintenance and ammo Soldiers to transport the three rockets from a Soviet ammunition supply point to a secure site where they were later destroyed,” said Tech. Sgt. Dustin Prowell, noncommissioned officer in charge, 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight.

Sergeant Prowell and the rest of his Air Force EOD team are deployed to Bagram from Davis-Monthan.

If not destroyed, the rockets could have posed a threat to U.S. and Coalition forces serving here as part of the



*Senior Airman Sabrina Baker, 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, clears a path for members of the U.S. Army's 23rd Ordnance Company from Miesan, Germany, and 5th Maintenance Company from Kaiserslautern, Germany, to load three 5,000-pound rockets onto a wrecker Oct. 15. Airman Baker is currently deployed from D-M.*

ongoing Global War on Terrorism.

“Each of these rockets contained more than 2,000 pounds of propellant, which could have proved deadly to our forces if they found their way into the wrong hands,” said Sergeant Prowell, a native of Roseburg, Ore. “Our job Satur-

day was to eliminate that threat.”

Army Sgt. William Berry, 23rd Ordnance Company, Miesan, Germany, said his team's interaction with the Air Force always proves beneficial.

“We regularly work alongside our Air Force counterparts to help get whatever

job needs to be done in a timely manner,” said Sergeant Berry, a native of Pensacola, Fla. “The best part of our interaction with them is that we can, in support of the ongoing war effort, move and/or dispose of ammunition whenever called upon.”

Senior Airman Sabrina Baker, EOD equipment journeyman, said she's enjoying her role in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

“One of the best parts of our job is that it is out of the ordinary,” Airman Baker said. “Everyone contributes their piece of the overall puzzle, but our job is distinctly unique. Not many people can say they defuse bombs and blow things up for a living.

“It's rewarding to know that my job directly impacts our U.S. and coalition forces as well as the local community,” she continued. “By going out and clearing these hazards, we are helping prevent accidents and improving the area and overall well-being of the people of Afghanistan.”

Whether taught in a classroom or on-the-job, EOD technicians here expect the lessons learned from the transport and disposal operations to bring in more big dividends.

## Afghanistan's busiest runway undergoes repairs as mission continues

### D-M Airmen help to keep mission going overseas

**Story and photo by Capt. James H. Cunningham**  
455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

**BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan** — Age, weather and more than 3,000 operations every week take their toll on the busiest runway in Afghanistan. Without a continual effort to repair the runway here, the mission would virtually come to a halt.

A nine-man spall repair team from the 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron spends at least two hours every day maintaining the runway. A spall is a shallow break in the concrete, usually along a joint.

“We've made more than 200 repairs in the last two months,” said Tech. Sgt. Jason Benbrook, noncommissioned officer in charge of airfield maintenance who's deployed here from Anderson Air Base, Guam. “This is an on-going effort to support the mission until the new runway is completed.”

“The 455th ECES airfield repair team mission is critical to our operations at Bagram. Without constant runway repair, Bagram flight operations will stop within a few days or risk significant damage to fixed-wing aircraft,” said Lt. Col. Mark Danigole, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group deputy commander. “Without their tremendous effort, Bagram drops from 140,000 operations a year

— three times Ramstein Air Base, Germany — and becomes little more than a huge parking lot.”

The amount of work accomplished is even more impressive when taking into account all that repairs are made between arriving and departing flights on a fully active runway; it's an effort that requires total team coordination.

“Our deputy operations group commander, Lt. Col. Mark Danigole, has worked tirelessly to understand and minimize the effect unscheduled landings and takeoffs have on moving teams off the runway during the middle of repair operations,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Becker, 455th ECES commander. “His actions signify the close working relationship my squadron has with the wing, other groups and airfield management to ensure repair operations are prioritized and executed in a highly efficient manner.”

To make the repair, Airmen saw a square around the spall, jackhammer away the bad concrete, vacuum up the debris, then fill the hole with a quick-drying mortar mix. Within 30 minutes, the repair is dried and ready for aircraft to land on.

Bagram's runway supports critical combat and humanitarian missions. The repairs keep the spall's loose debris from damaging aircraft engines or tires.

“What we do has a direct impact on the mission,” said Staff Sgt. Brady Dryden, NCOIC of spall repair crew. “Without us, the aircraft couldn't do their job. It makes us feel like we're part of what's going on here at Bagram.”



*Staff Sgt. Tony Dyplowski, 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, uses a concrete saw to repair the runway here. In the last two months, a nine-man spall repair team here has made more than 200 repairs to sustain more than 3,000 operations each week in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Sergeant Dyplowski is currently deployed from D-M.*





# CRIME & Punishment

## Davis-Monthan discharges, Articles 15 from Oct. 24 through Nov. 4

- ◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron was **discharged** with a general discharge characterization for **commission of a serious offense**. This was supported by one Article 15.
- ◆ An airman basic assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general discharge characterization for **drug abuse**. This was supported by a Special Court-Martial.
- ◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th EMS was **discharged** with a general discharge characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**. This was supported by one Article 15, four letters of reprimand and one letter of counseling.
- ◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general discharge characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**. This was supported by one Article 15, five letters of reprimand and one letter of counseling.
- ◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron was **discharged** with a general discharge characterization for **minor disciplinary**

**infractions**. This was supported by one Article 15, one letter of reprimand and one letter of counseling.

- ◆ An airman basic assigned to the 563rd Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general discharge characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**. This was supported by one Article 15, three letters of reprimand and two letters of counseling.

- ◆ A senior airman assigned to the 612th Air Communications Squadron was **discharged** with a general discharge characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**. This was supported by one Article 15, three letters of reprimand and one letter of counseling.

- ◆ An airman first class assigned to the 355th AMXS received a reduction to airman basic for **larceny of government property**. This is a violation of Article 121 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

- ◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th AMXS received a reduction to airman first class for **vacating non-judicial punishment for larceny of government property**. This is a violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ.

- ◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron received a reduction

to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$542, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand for **missing movement due to over intoxication**. This is a violation of Article 87 of the UCMJ.

- ◆ An airman assigned to the 355th EMS received a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$200 pay, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failing to obey a lawful order and for failure to go to appointed place of duty**. These were violations of Article 92 and Article 86 of the UCMJ.

- ◆ An airman first class assigned to the 355th EMS received a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeiture of \$312.13 pay, seven days extra duty and a reprimand for **drinking underage**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

- ◆ An airman first class assigned to the 612th Air Intelligence Squadron received a reduction to the grade of airman basic and 45 days extra duty suspended for **failing to obey a lawful order**. This is a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

*(Editor's note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishment for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, including the offender's service record and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)*





# Chief master sergeants of the Air Force share opinions

*(The following is an interview by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy, 355th Wing Public Affairs, with Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Number One Paul W. Airey and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Number Eight Sam E. Parish, Nov. 3.)*

**Desert Airman: What is your favorite memory in the Air Force?**

**Chief Airey:** There were many, but I think becoming the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force is my favorite. Being congratulated by the secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff and knowing what the job was going to entail. I'd have to say that is my most memorable.

**Chief Parish:** Mine would be the 31 years, seven months they allowed me to serve on active-duty. That's a favorite memory. I don't have any given memory that is more significant than the other. Being given the opportunity to serve is all that really ever mattered to me.

**D.A.: What made you stay in as an enlisted person?**

**Chief Airey:** World War II ended and I went home. I met with all my classmates who were coming back from the Army, the Navy and Marine Corps. We were meeting with each other and I said to myself, "Do I want to spend the rest of my life here? The Air Corps offers me a lot ... the chance to see things and meet with people." I liked the people in the service. I liked the camaraderie of it. So I made the decision then to reenlist.

**Chief Parish:** I never decided to stay in. I continued to serve, I enjoyed what I was doing and I enjoyed the people I was doing it with. Did I make the decision that the Air Force was going to be my career? No. I served, and every four years they would tell me to go over to personnel and reenlist. If I hadn't liked it, I would have gotten out.

**D.A.: Why do you think speaking to Airmen graduating in ALS is important?**

**Chief Airey:** Professional Military Education is probably one of the most important factors in making the enlisted force what it is today. It launches Airmen off into leadership and management training that far surpasses many things in civilian life. And it is educating them to become mature, educated noncommissioned officers.

**Chief Parish:** I think being here at the beginning of their career as a NCO is important because it shows the local emphasis the leadership puts on their graduation from Airman Leadership School. Having someone special to speak to them, like Chief Airey, should make them feel good. It's not just a thing to take for granted.

**D.A.: What is the biggest difference between now and when you were in?**

**Chief Airey:** You cannot begin to tell the difference, there is no comparison between the Army Air Force that I knew of so many years ago and the Air Force today. We've come such a



Photo by Airman 1st Jesse Shipps

*(From left to right) Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Number One Paul W. Airey, Senior Airman Keumsuk Rea, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Number Eight Sam E. Parish, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Number 11 David J. Campanale, and Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley, 355th Wing command chief, pose for a picture after the Airman Leadership School graduation Nov. 3. Chief Airey and Chief Parish came to Davis-Monthan for two days.*

long way in our treatment of our people. I look at the facilities and educated force we have and see the difference in everything you can talk about from pay to structures. It's just difficult to compare.

**Chief Parish:** I've challenged every group I've met with to tell me something about the U.S. Air Force that is the same as when I retired 20 years ago, other than the name U.S. Air Force. The Air Force has changed its mission, the uniform, the chevrons and even duty titles. So, as you see, there is virtually nothing about our Air Force that is the same.

**D.A.: Do you miss the Air Force?**

**Chief Airey:** I have been very fortunate in being a former chief master sergeant of the Air Force, because the Air Force has never left me and I've never left the Air Force. And by virtue of that, I'm sitting in this room right now. So I've never missed the Air Force ... I'd like to think I've always been a part of it, except now I don't put the uniform on every morning.

**Chief Parish:** I've been affiliated with the Air Force for 51 of the 58 years of its existence. And Chief Airey has been in its whole existence. I can guarantee you, if you asked my wife and kids they would tell you that in the 51 years I've been a part of it, I've probably not been out of touch with the Air Force by person or telephone more than, say, 48 hours my entire life. No, I don't miss it ... I'm still a part of it.

**D.A.: What do you wish you knew as a younger Airman that you know now?**

**Chief Airey:** That's a difficult question to answer. I wish I paid attention to such things as finance. I'm recommending that all of our

enlisted people take more of an interest in their future, such as getting involved with IRAs. I wish I had taken more courses as a young Airman.

**D.A.: What advice would you give to Airmen about getting out or staying in?**

**Chief Parish:** If you've got a reason to get out and you know what you want to do in life and you don't feel that the Air Force is for you, then by all means, pursue that dream. But, if you get out of the Air Force to go to (some town) making \$50,000-a-year job, I'm going to talk to you about staying in. I know that there are very few jobs period. And the people (who think that they) are going to get out of the Air Force and go out there and get rich, are pipe dreaming.

The people outside the gate are looking for the kind of people we want to keep in the Air Force. If you're unbelievably successful in the Air Force, you can be a success outside the gates. People will be looking for you. But, if you have trouble obeying the rules and doing things the Air Force asks you to do, then you may have problems out there.

The Air Force is a way of life. It's not for everybody. We need to understand that. I've never tried to talk someone into reenlisting in our Air Force in my entire life. But, I've pointed out the good, the bad and the ugly of it.

We need to understand that we don't reenlist individuals, we reenlist families. We have never concentrated on that. If you have a happy family that loves the Air Force and see it as a way of life, the servicemember is going to have one hell of a hard time chucking all that and getting out.

You cannot convince people to stay in something that they don't like or believe in.





# Finding ‘Fudge factor’ helps find problem’s root

By Lt. Col. Mark Murphy  
354th Maintenance Squadron commander

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska  
—“Daddy, can I have a box?”

It was a hot summer day near Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., and I was unpacking from the first of many permanent change of station moves in my career. I turned to answer my five year-old daughter who was looking up at me with big brown eyes.

“What do you need the box for?” I asked.

She replied, “Sherry and Terry’s kitty died and we need a box to bury him in.”

My heart melted. What parent could resist such a touching moment? So I grabbed the nearest box and sent her on her way. Problem solved.

You can imagine my horror when, a few minutes later, I glanced out the window and saw my daughter, her two friends and the box out in the street.

They were using sticks to try to pry something off the pavement.

Realizing I’d made an error by not asking a critical question, I ran outside to get the girls out of the street.

My daughter quickly pointed out what was keenly obvious: they couldn’t get the cat in the box. I looked down at the biggest Siamese cat I’d ever seen, stuck to the hot Illinois asphalt like a chunk of firewood frozen to the ground in the middle of winter. The girls lovingly called this chunk of roadkill “Fudge.”

Since I grew up on a farm, I’ve got a pretty strong stomach. So I brushed away the flies, kicked Fudge loose, grabbed him by the tail, and tossed him in the box with a thunk. The girls thanked me and headed back to Sherry and Terry’s house.

Problem solved.

Or so I thought. No sooner did I have my hands washed when the girls were back at the front door with the box. My daughter explained her friends’ dad wouldn’t let them bury Fudge

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*“People often get lost in details and lose track of the big picture. Despite the best intentions, the damage is done before they fully realize what they’re dealing with.”*

*Lt. Col. Mark Murphy,  
354th Maintenance Squadron commander*

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in their backyard. Could they bury him in ours? Suddenly what little cuteness that remained was gone.

“Absolutely not!” I told her. “For one thing, I rent this house. For another, I’m not burying another man’s cat in my backyard.”

A little disappointed, the girls left again. Problem solved.

A few minutes later they were back asking for a shovel. “Sorry, I told them, I don’t have a shovel (which was true).” This was a relief because I assumed that if they were looking for a shovel the other dad had changed his mind about burying the cat in his yard. Problem solved. It didn’t take long to find out I assumed wrong.

I looked out the back window and found them in a vacant lot between two houses behind ours, sitting next to the box and scratching in the dirt with teaspoons. The afternoon drew on and, as you can expect, they made little progress. Soon dinner time arrived and the girls all got called home to their respective families, abandoning what little interest they had in Fudge along the way.

After dinner, I looked out the back window. The rays of the setting sun shone on the box sitting in the middle of the vacant lot.

I chuckled at the thought of some passerby getting curious and looking in the box. At least it wasn’t my cat.

Then my eye caught something I hadn’t noticed before — little black marks on the box. I suddenly realized it wasn’t just an ordinary moving box. It was a box I’d used to mail things from Officer Training School.

There, in the vacant lot behind my house, was a cardboard box with a petrified cat inside and my name and address on the outside. At the end of the day, that cat didn’t belong to its owner, the person who hit it or even the girls who tried to bury it. That cat was mine, and suddenly the thought of someone finding it wasn’t so funny anymore.

A magic marker and a trip to a dumpster downtown solved the problem for good. But I’ve thought about that day throughout my career. If only someone had told me that the dad down the street had no intention of burying that cat.

If I’d only noticed my name and address on the box.

If only I’d asked more questions.

How many times have you seen someone who made a series of decisions that all seemed perfectly reasonable and valid at the time, but yet things still went horribly wrong? I’ve seen it again and again in safety reports, hospital rooms, courtrooms and commanders’ offices. My experience with Fudge is not unusual. People often get lost in details and lose track of the big picture.

Despite the best intentions, the damage is done before they fully realize what they’re dealing with.

When someone gets into a situation, it’s your responsibility to give them a crosscheck and get them to see the forest instead of the trees. It’s also important to watch yourself, look down the road, and focus on where you’re going, not just where you are.

Faced with a challenging situation, it’s human nature to get tunnel vision and be blind-sided by something you didn’t anticipate.

Watch for this in yourself, and watch for it in your people, because trust me, you don’t want to be stuck with the cat at the end of the day.





# The 12th Edition

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Lieutenant Force Shaping Briefings

All briefings will take place at the Davis-Monthan AFB Mountain View Conference Center, Nov. 21.

A briefing for group and squadron commanders will take place at 8 a.m. A mandatory briefing for all 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 year groups will take place at 9:30 a.m. A briefing for spouses will take place at 6:30 p.m.

### New Secretary of the Air Force

The Honorable Michael W. Wynne was sworn in Nov. 3, as the 21st Secretary of the Air Force. He is responsible for the affairs of the Department of the Air Force, including the organizing, training, equipping, and providing for the welfare of its nearly 370,000 men and women on active duty, 180,000 members of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve, 160,000 civilians, and their families.

### Headphones and PT uniforms

Airmen dressed in the PT uniform are authorized to wear headphones while participating in personal fitness and other off-duty activities. However, headphones cannot be worn while in formation, or during organized unit physical training sessions or in performance of official duties. Commanders may further deny headphone wear if conditions are determined to be unsafe, such as people running near vehicle traffic where such wear would limit hearing or awareness of surroundings. They may also disallow headphone use due to operational requirements. Air Force component commanders will coordinate wear policy with the combatant commander to ensure uniformity for Airmen deployed to joint environments.

## Got a story idea?

Does your workcenter have a new mission or some hi-tech equipment?

Has someone in your unit recently participated in a major sports event or have a unique hobby, call 12th Air Force Public Affairs at 228-3829.

## Airpower seen over Central America



photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

ILOPANGO AIR BASE, El Salvador -- Senior Airman Jean Audiffred, a Puerto Rico Air National Guard C-130 crew chief, observes the Thunderbirds from the tail of his C-130 during the Ilopango Air Show 2005 in El Salvador, Oct. 30. Below Airman Audiffred people line up to see the inside of the PR ANG aircraft. The C-130 was the only U.S. aircraft opened to the public during the international show. Approximately 150 Airmen and 14 U.S. Air Force aircraft participated in the Central American show, which took place in San Salvador, El Salvador Oct. 29-30.

by Capt. Esmeralda Silvestre  
12th Air Force Public Affairs

Approximately 150 Airmen and 14 U.S. Air Force aircraft took airpower to Central America Oct. 23-30 to participate in two international air shows, as part of U.S. Southern Command's cooperation efforts with Guatemala and El Salvador.

Under the direction of U.S. Southern Command Air Forces personnel, the men and women of the U.S. Air Force deployed two of the Air Force's most popular demonstration teams worldwide.

Air Combat Command's F-15 West Coast Demonstration Team and the U.S. Air Force demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, which were the headliners during the "Guatemala International Air Show 2005," which took place at La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Oct. 26.

Among the 20,000 Guatemalan air show attendees was the President of Guatemala, Mr. Oscar Berger, who took advantage of the air show festivities to publicly

express his appreciation to the U.S. servicemembers of Joint Task Force – Bravo stationed in Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, for their support in the relief efforts after Hurricane Stan struck several towns in Guatemala.

After the warm Guatemalan welcome and outstanding performances by both demonstration teams, the Airmen took the show to El Salvador, a strong U.S. ally on the Global War on Terrorism.

As Airmen prepared for the two-day show in El Salvador, they were shaken up by a 5.8 magnitude earthquake that was centered 35 miles southwest of San Salvador, where the Airmen were lodged, but that did not shake the performances at all. The "Ilopango 2005 Air Show," took place as planned at the Salvadorian Air Base Ilopango in San Salvador, El Salvador, Oct. 29-30.

The 40,000 spectators in El Salvador expressed their appreciation again and again to every U.S. military member they encountered during the show.



Courtesy photo

## Work hard - play hard

Airmen of the 612th Air Base Squadron, Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras work on a foosball table, last month. More than 40 Airmen renovated the “Oasis,” the air force forces ‘club’ at the joint military location.

Airmen worked on the new Oasis for months, now the Airmen have a brand new all-ranks club, which is used for official functions and recreation.

The newly-renovated club features new dart boards, pool tables, foosball tables, big screen TVs and a barbeque grill.

## Combined Federal Campaign 2005 September 14 – December 15

Members interested in making a donation should contact their squadron CFC representative:

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- \* **474th OG:** Senior Airman Sammy Thames
- \* **A3-A5:** 1st Lt. Emiro Sinning
- \* **612th AIG:** 1st Lt. Marsha Wilder
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# AIR SHOW

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Many Salvadorians described the performances as a “once in a lifetime experience,” because the last time a U.S. Air Force demonstration team was in El Salvador was in 1961.

Among the many air show followers was the Vice President of El Salvador, Mrs. Ana Vilma de Escobar, who watched as both of the U.S. Air Force teams performed for her and the people of El Salvador.

U.S. participation in air shows like these is part of the many activities SOUTHCOM is involved with, in more than 30 countries in its area of responsibility, which includes the Caribbean, Central and South America.

After the air shows in the SOUTHCOM AOR the demonstration teams continued on to Acapulco, Mexico and Randolph AFB, Texas for presentations there before closing their demonstration session.

November to March is training time at home for the U.S. Air Force demonstration teams.



Staff Sgt. Stephen Roberts, from the 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Eglin AFB, Fla., talks to a Salvadorian Air Force maintainer about the F-15 Eagle after the aircraft's practice flight in El Salvador Oct. 28.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

**ABOVE:** Capt. Joel Hemphill, Air Combat Command's West Coast Demonstration Team Pilot from Eglin AFB, Fla., talks with Guatemalan children from a local orphanage after his air show practice flight Oct. 25.



**RIGHT:** Guatemala's President Oscar Berger receives a Thunderbird replica as a gift from Brig. Gen. William Rew, 57th Wing commander (left) and Lt. Col. Michael Chandler, Thunderbird #1 and team commander, during the opening ceremonies of the Guatemala International Air Show, which took place at La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City, Guatemala Oct. 26.







## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the **Desert Airman** that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Senior Airman Vanessa Kyota of the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Airman Kyota is an information manager. According to her superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Yvette Murphy, she*

*was nominated for the spotlight because she "sets the standard in leadership, professionalism and dedication to the mission; there is no limit to her abilities. She always produces A plus results every time. Finally, she continually seeks ways to improve her value to her unit and peers."*

*The following are Airman Kyota's responses to a variety of questions:*

**Where is your hometown?** The beautiful island of Palau in the South Pacific.

**What do you like best about D-M?** I love the mountains, the weather and the palm trees; it reminds me of home sometimes.

**Your most memorable moment in the Air Force?** We were at Baltimore-Washington International Airport just coming in from our deployment and as we were walking toward the baggage claim area everyone stood up and applauded.

**What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force?** Control what you have control over, don't spend too much time worrying about what you don't have and if you need to worry about something ... worry about what you need!

## D-M Mentorship Memos

### Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience

Volunteers are needed for the presentation of the traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It will be on display Nov. 18 through 20 at South Lawn Cemetery, 5401 S. Park Ave. The memorial is open 24-hours a day, so many volunteers will be needed. For more information or to volunteer, call Terry Byron at 295-8407.

### El Tour de Tucson

Help behind the scenes at El Tour de Tucson, a series of bike racing around Tucson. The Nov. 19 event is one of Tucson's most community-involved events. Perimeter Bicycling, El Tour de Tucson's organizers, seek volunteer help in the office with filing, envelope stuffing, data entry and other tasks. For more information, call Barbara or Scott at 745-2033 or visit El Tour de Tucson's Web site at <http://www.pbba.com/Home.html>.

### The Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club Holiday Auction needs volunteers for the Nov. 26 event. For more information, call Kathy Carlson at 202-2400.

Final Answer

What did you learn from the Operational Readiness Exercise?



**Airman  
Ryan Kearns**  
355th Dental  
Squadron

*"As a medical troop, I have never had the chance to put my 'know how' into good use; but now because of this exercise, I have had my chance."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
Justin Jordan**  
355th Services  
Squadron

*"I learned the value of planning. Without proper planning, the mission is so much harder to accomplish."*



**Airman 1st Class  
Andrew Bennett**  
355th Civil Engineer  
Squadron

*"I learned to pay attention to detail and stay on your feet. It's key to survival."*



**Airman 1st Class  
David Shea**  
355th Security  
Forces Squadron

*"It's like fine tuning a million-dollar piece of equipment and finding out how to make it work best for the security of the United States. It gives you the ability to identify parts that need to be fine tuned so when it comes time to run the machine you can count on it running smoothly."*



**Senior Airman  
Pacer West**  
355th Civil Engineer  
Squadron

*"I learned organization is key in any situation."*



**Airman 1st Class  
Gregory Johnson**  
355th Dental  
Squadron

*"This is a great chance for me to learn and receive correct training as a medic."*



# Celebrating Marine Corps’ birthday

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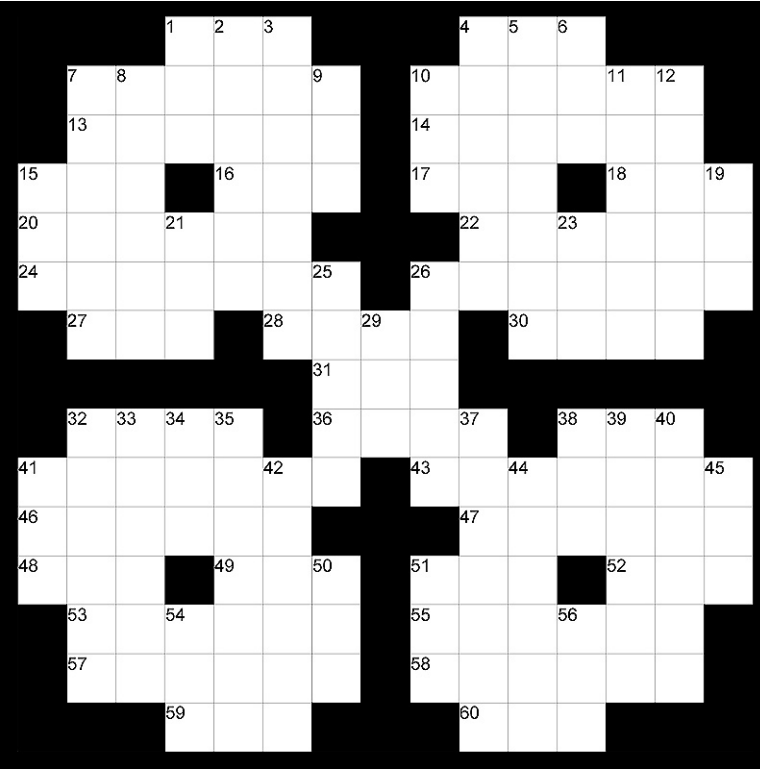
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pitcher Don  
13. Card game  
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23rd Commandant of the  
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15. USN ship starters  
16. MCI competitor  
17. Countdown starter  
18. Unit of work  
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\_\_\_\_; MoH recipient (Korea)  
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MoH recipient (Vietnam)  
9. Snare  
10. USMC enlisted rank  
11. Ryan and Ed  
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of neurons  
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23. Mil. pay during PCS  
25. Dense  
26. USMC Col. John H.  
\_\_\_\_; first American to orbit  
Earth  
29. Zodiac sign  
32. Ecosystems  
33. Dog star  
34. MDs’ professional org.  
35. USMC Gen. Thomas  
\_\_\_\_; 17<sup>th</sup> Commandant of  
the USMC  
37. Installments  
38. Drink slowly  
39. Struck out  
40. Erases  
41. Cell material



42. Astronomer’s sight  
44. USMC Col. Jay R. \_\_\_\_;  
MoH recipient (Vietnam)  
45. Places for MDs  
50. Pig’s place  
51. USMC Col. Gregory  
“Pappy” Boyington was one  
54. Cartoon \_\_\_\_ & *Stimpy*  
56. Hostel  
(For solutions, see Page 20.)





## Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services, Sunday School programs, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies; youth groups, and ministries, call 228-5411.

### Worship Schedule

#### Catholic

- ◆ The First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass is followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.
- ◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
- ◆ Sunday Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

#### Protestant

- ◆ Traditional Service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
- ◆ Contemporary Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
- ◆ Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

### Youth Group Bake Sale

The Catholic Youth Group is sponsoring a Bake Sale Nov. 20 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hope Annex. There will be homemade goodies and a Silent Auction.

## Family Support Center

For more information on programs and services provided by the Family Suport Center, call 288-5690.

### Discovery Resource Center

The Discovery Resource Center is a resource room with various media to support the personal and family readiness programs and services provided in the Family Support Center. Resources include six computers with internet access and printers, scanner, copier, and a library of career, employment, transition, and relocation assistance material. For more information call Dawn Cooper at 228-7114.

### Time for Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held on Wednesday and Nov. 23 at the Desert Dove Chapel from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information call the FSC.

## Thrift Store

### Consignments

The D-M Thrift Store is open for consignments the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 228-2120 to reserve space for large items and furniture. The store is located on Ironwood and Seventh Streets. Regular business hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Education Services

For more information on programs and services provided by the Base Training and Education Services, call Norma White at 228-4249, or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

### University of Maryland

The University of Maryland University College has a scholarship for severely injured service members and their family members. They recently joined the colleges which have stepped up to offer these scholarships to our service members who have given so much to our country. For the latest information, visit: [www.dantes.doded.mil/sfd/index.asp](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/sfd/index.asp).

### CCAF

Students interested in having their Advanced Placement test results evaluated by Community College of the Air Force, must request an official transcript from: AP Services, PO Box 6671 Princeton, NJ 08541- 6613. Cost per transcript is \$15.00. Transcripts must be sent directly from the AP Services to: CCAF/DFRS 130 West Maxwell Blvd. Maxwell Air Force Base, AL 36112 – 6613.

### Miller Analogy Test

Troy University administers the Miller Analogy Test at Davis Monthan. It is a computer-based test that requires one hour to complete. The MAT identifies people who are analytical thinkers. The ability to analyze information is a key attribute of candidates that the most respected universities value and seek out. The MAT is required for entrance into many graduate school programs. The fee for the test is \$70. To schedule an appointment to take this test, call the Troy University office at 748-2625.

### Northern Arizona University Advisor

A representative will be available on Nov. 16 in building 3200, Room 243. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. Call Debra Castelan at 879-7932 for more information.

## Outdoor Recreation

For more information call Information Tickets and Tours at 228-3700 or Outdoor Recreation at 228-3736.

### Mickey Mouse Birthday Event

The Information Tickets & Tours and Outdoor Recreation offices are hosting a special Open House/Mickey Mouse Birthday event in Building 4430 Nov. 18 (Mickey's Birthday). Mickey Mouse will be visiting with everyone at various times throughout the day. Customers can enjoy free donuts and beverages in the morning and free pizza and beverages in the afternoon. A cake cutting ceremony with Mickey begins at 2 p.m. There will be contests and prize give-a-ways including five VIP passes to Castels-N-Coasters, one Disney calendar, a Winterhaven trip for two, free rentals and more.

## Information, Tickets & Tours

For more information call Information, Tickets and Tours at 228-3700.

### Scottsdale Shopping Spree

Join Information, Tickets & Tours for a Christmas shopping spree at the Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall Dec. 3. Sign up by Nov. 26.

## Arts & Crafts Center

For more information on programs and services at the Arts & Crafts Center, call 228-4358.

### Fall Bazaar

The Arts & Crafts Center will be hosting the second annual Fall Bazaar at the Enlisted Club Nov. 19. If interested in selling your homemade crafts or being a vendor contact the Arts & Crafts Center.

### Scrapbook-In-A-Box

Come and learn scrapbooking in a class. Students will learn how to make a box that opens into a scrapbook when the lid is removed. The cost is \$10 for new students. Returning students receive a \$2 discount. Supplies are included. Class is from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

### Introduction to Precious Metals

In this two-part class students will learn how to use fine silver precious metal clay to make and mold silver charms. All supplies will be provided including the precious metal clay and all firing tools. Class cost is \$65 for both sessions. The class is from 5 to 7 p.m. today and Nov. 17.

## Movies

Today  
No Showing

Saturday  
Serenity (PG-13)  
7 p.m.

Sunday  
The Greatest Game Ever Played  
(PG) 2 p.m.  
(All admission \$1.50)

Regular admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 11 years and younger. Call 228-5694 for the theater movie recording.

# Improving PT test scores one day at a time

## *HAWC offers new fitness program five days a week to motivate Airmen*

By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker  
355th Wing Public Affairs

A new program is available starting Wednesday through the Health and Wellness Center for Airmen to focus on fitness and ensure they are Fit to Fight.

Three percent of D-M Airmen have scored in the poor category of the physical fitness standards according to Cesar Vinueza, base fitness manager. The new program is aimed specifically at those Airmen who scored less than 70 points on the PT test and will help them focus to score better in re-tests.

The number one piece of advice Mr. Vinueza gives for improving one's individual fitness level

is simple, he said. "Find a structure and complete exercise program that works for you and stick with it three to five days a week."

The new program is one more option in finding the right program for any individual. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mr. Vinueza will be leading participants in the structured exercise routines from 6 to 7 a.m. at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center.

"In these sessions, participants will be exposed to cardio activities as well as muscular strength/endurance and flexibility by following structured exercise routines," said Mr. Vinueza. "Participants will push themselves to their own limits and self-pace improve under professional guidance and supervision."

According to Air Force Instruction 10-248, the Air Force PT standard is based on "aerobic fitness, muscular strength and body composition to determine overall fitness."

Aerobic fitness, worth 50 points, has the maximum weight of the total 100 points. Abdominal circumference, pushups and crunches account for

the other 50 points, according to the instruction.

The program adds an additional motivation for getting into shape with the Squadron Fitness Challenge.

"The two main areas that we will keep track of will be the participants PT improvement (scores) and their weight," Mr. Vinueza said. "It will be a PT/weight loss contest/challenge between the squadrons."

Prizes will be given to individuals and squadrons with the best results when the program ends Feb. 15.

The goal is for supervisors to officially register Airmen who have scored in the poor category for official accountability and tracking in the challenge and for individual improvement. To sign-up, supervisors should call Mr. Vinueza at 228-5003.

While the new program will provide a guided course for participants, Mr. Vinueza stresses that individual dedication is key to improvement.

"Participants will get out of the program what they put into it," Mr. Vinueza said.

## Sports Shorts

### Turkey Trot 5K run

The D-M Fitness and Sports Center is hosting a Turkey Trot 5K fun run Nov. 18. The event is open to anyone wanting to run 3.2 miles. Registration starts at 6:45 a.m. at Sunglow Road. There will be a drawing for free turkeys after the race.

### Dodgeball Tournament

The 355th Medical Squadron is sponsoring a D-M Dodgeball Tournament Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Fitness and Sports Center. Food and drinks will be provided to participants during the tournament. Teams will consist of six players. Anyone interested in playing can send an e-mail to [terry.hennings@dm.af.mil](mailto:terry.hennings@dm.af.mil) or [mark.dee@dm.af.mil](mailto:mark.dee@dm.af.mil).

### Fitness Center Classes

The Haeffner Fitness Center offers Yoga classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. Yoga classes emphasize the harmony of both the body and mind. The center also offers Spin classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 12:45 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. Pilates classes are offered every Sat. from noon to 1 p.m. Pilates focuses on awareness of the spine, proper breathing, core strength and flexibility.

These classes cost \$2. For more information, call 228-3714.

## Airmen score perfect on fitness tests

### *Excellence in all areas of physical fitness earns 100 points on test*

Congratulations to the following Airmen who scored 100 points on the Air Force physical fitness test between June and August. These Airmen scored 50 points for cardio, 30 points for abdominal circumference and 10 points each for push-ups and crunches. The full points were awarded based on the requirements according to the individual's age.

#### 12th Air Force:

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Barnhill;  
**25th Operational Weather Squadron:**

Lt. Col. Kevin Stone, Tech. Sgt. Christian Hendrick, Airman 1st Class Benjamin Hartzell and Airman Samantha Griggs;  
**43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:**

1st Lt. Darek Schmiedebusch;  
**48th Rescue Squadron:**  
Capt. Chadwick Sterr and 1st Lt. Albert Kelly;

**79th Rescue Squadron:**  
1st Lt. Justin Long;  
**354th Fighter Squadron:**  
Capt. Paul Kanning;

#### 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:

Tech. Sgt. Isaac Soto, Airman 1st Class Pedro Barajas and Airman 1st Class Nathan Tierney;  
**355th Communications Squadron:**

1st Lt. Christina Perez and Master Sgt. Ellen Kilinc;  
**355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:**  
Airman 1st Class Brandon Planche;  
**355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:**  
Staff Sgt. James Hoff;  
**355th Medical Support Squadron:**

Tech. Sgt. Tracy Thompson and Senior Airman Covito Redman;  
**355th Operations Support Squadron:**

2nd Lt. Isabelle Ross;  
**372nd Training Squadron:**  
Master Sgt. Thomas Lawlor and Tech. Sgt. Charles Acosta;  
**612th Air Intelligence Squadron:**

Capt. Daniel Bass, Capt. Matthew Prince, SSgt Justin Jones, Airman 1st Class Christopher Klare and Senior Airman Charles Gerak and  
**U.S. Southern Air Forces:**  
Maj. Ben Thielhorn.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Airmen from Davis-Monthan were presented perfect score physical training certificates at the Fitness and Sports Center. These Airmen were some of the individuals who scored 100 points between June and August.

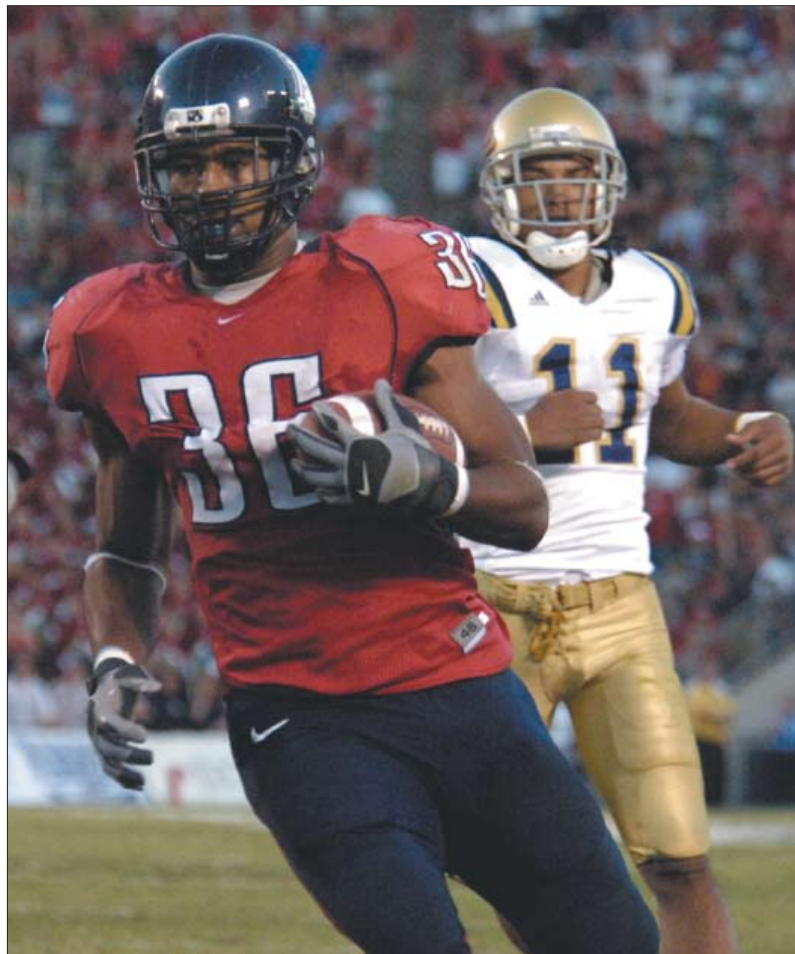


# U of A Wildcats salute D-M with big win over UCLA



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shipps

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Peele, 355th Mission Support Squadron, Master Sgt. Leo Chang, 755th Operations Support Squadron, Senior Airman John Soto, 55th Rescue Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Jason Moriset, 355th Maintenance Group, wave at the crowd during the half-time salute to D-M personnel. The Desert Lightning team gathered for a pregame tailgate Saturday for food and drinks. The \$10 tickets for D-M personnel included a game ticket, a University of Arizona hat and food and beverages at the tailgate. The DM 50 event was sponsored by many organizations including: DM Federal Credit Union, Raytheon, Jim Click Automotive Group, Cox Communications, Wells Fargo Bank, Chase Bank/Bank One, Sundt Construction, Arizona Diamondbacks, Western Associates and Finley Distributing.



Gilbert Harris, University of Arizona number 11, runs with the ball towards the University of Arizona end zone as Dennis Keyes, University of California, Los Angeles number 11, runs after him. With their third win of the season, the Wildcats handed the Bruins their first loss of the season with a score of 52-14. As part of the D-M appreciation day, the Tucson Boys Chorus sang the national anthem with a four-ship flyover of A-10s to kick-off the game.













